

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA**

IN RE:	:	
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CELLULAR TELEPHONES,	:	General Order No. 8
LAP TOP COMPUTERS, AND	:	
PAGER BEEPERS	:	

Any member of the State Bar of Georgia who presents a picture I.D. and a valid State Bar membership card is hereby authorized and permitted to bring into all United States Bankruptcy Court facilities in the Northern District of Georgia, cellular telephones, lap top computers and pager beepers, subject to the following conditions:

The security personnel shall be authorized and directed to inspect the lap top computers, cellular telephones and pager beepers to ascertain whether or not they are in fact what they purport to be and do not present any other security problem. Failure to permit inspection by the security personnel in this building shall authorize the security personnel to deny access of the device which is not inspected.

Cellular telephones and pager beepers shall not be operated in any courtroom without the specific written approval of the presiding judicial officer. **Laptop computers, however, may be operated in a Bankruptcy Court courtroom but only when a judge is not present.** Laptop computers must be in silent mode at all times. Use of laptop computers, other than described above, shall require specific written approval of the judge. Any device described herein operated contrary to the provisions of this order shall be subject to seizure and forfeiture.

Only those persons described above shall be permitted to bring said devices into the courthouse facilities.

Local Rule 5073-1 shall remain in force and effect and those persons covered by said rule shall not be restricted by the provisions of this order. (BLR 5073-1,NDGa)

The Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court shall continue to be authorized to issue permits authorizing persons to bring into the secured areas of all courthouse facilities, computers for data gathering purposes and the security personnel shall continue to honor and permit such permits.

The United States Marshal and all other security personnel are hereby authorized and directed to implement and enforce the foregoing procedures effective December 4, 2002 until further order of the court.

SO ORDERED, this 4th day of December, 2002.

STACEY W. COTTON, CHIEF JUDGE
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT